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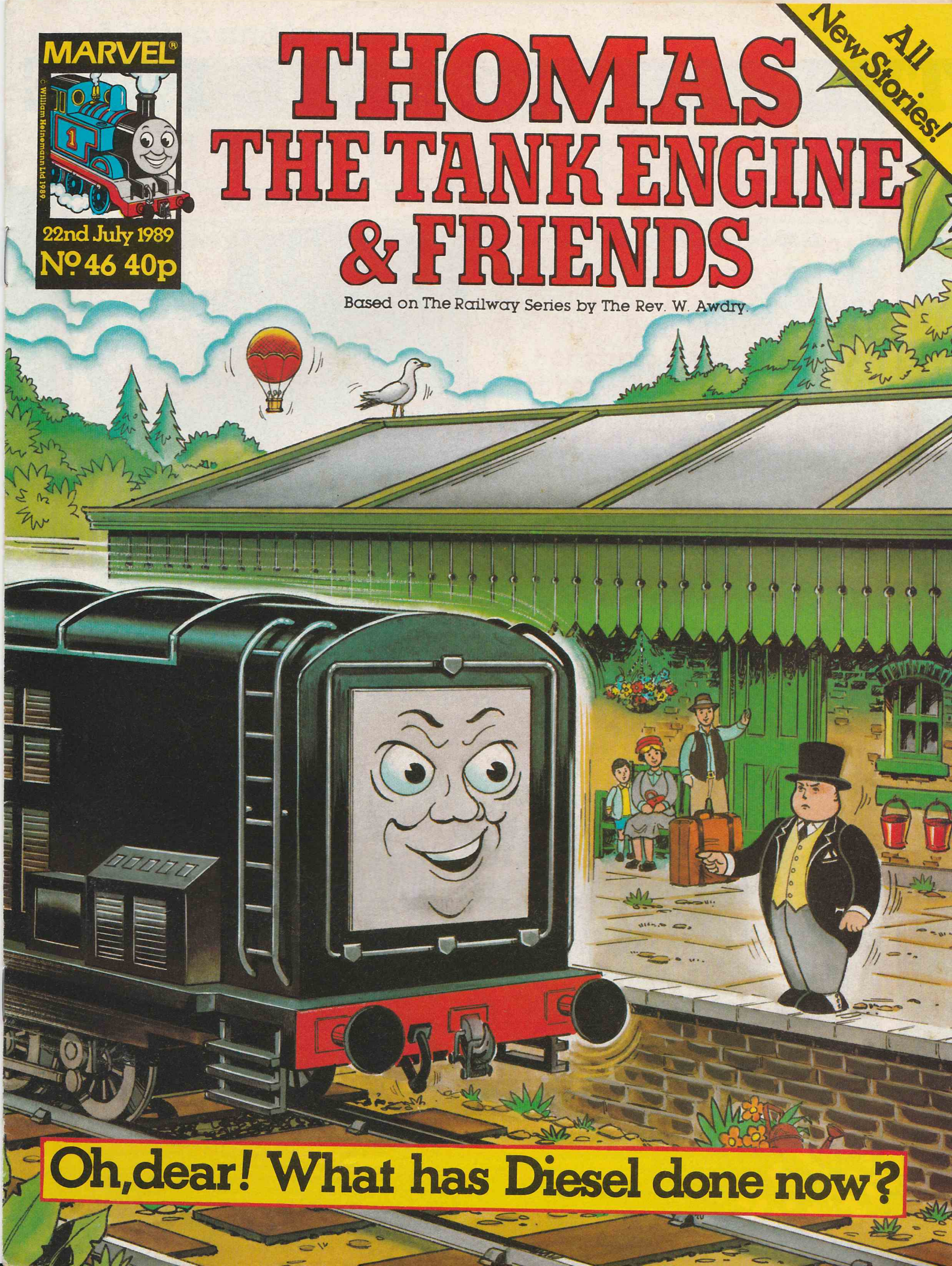
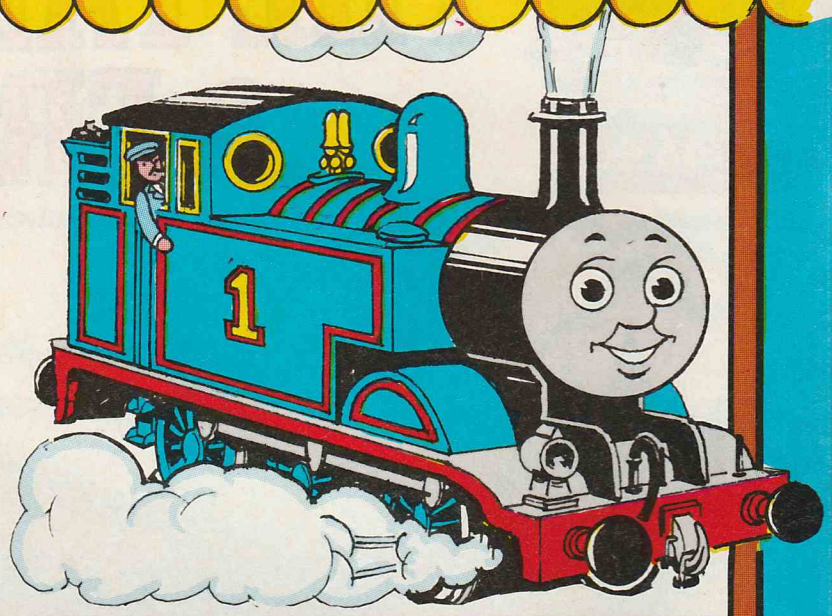


Oh, dear! What has Diesel done now?

THE THOMAS CLUB PAGE

Peep! Peep! Hello there! In our first story, nasty Diesel thinks that he should be pulling Annie and Clarabel, so he starts to tell lies about Thomas just to get his own way! Then in our second story, Thomas gets his own back! Hooray for Thomas! Peep! Peep!



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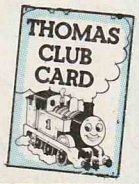

WELCOME!

The Fat Controller says a special cheery 'hello' to the following people:

Derek Cook (7474), Gerome Francis, Adam and Matthew Pengelly (10345), Lee Bickers (2080), Melanie Rose (3084), Julian Hodgson (10442), Trevor Littledale (27159) and Aswyn, Reicca and Melissa Hainsworth.

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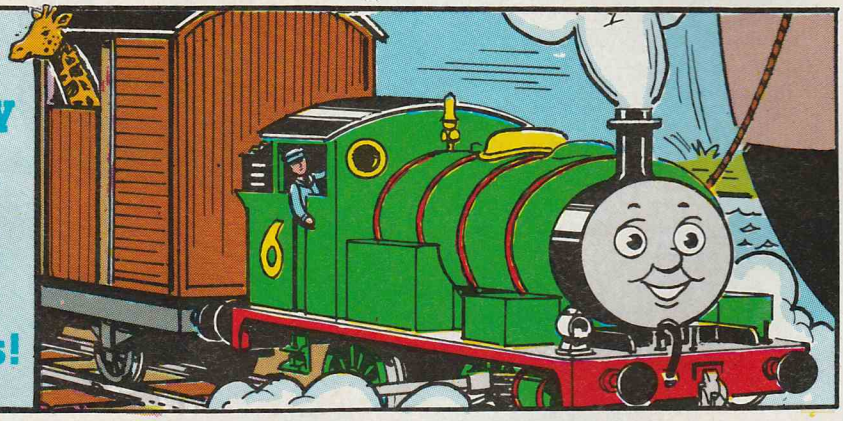

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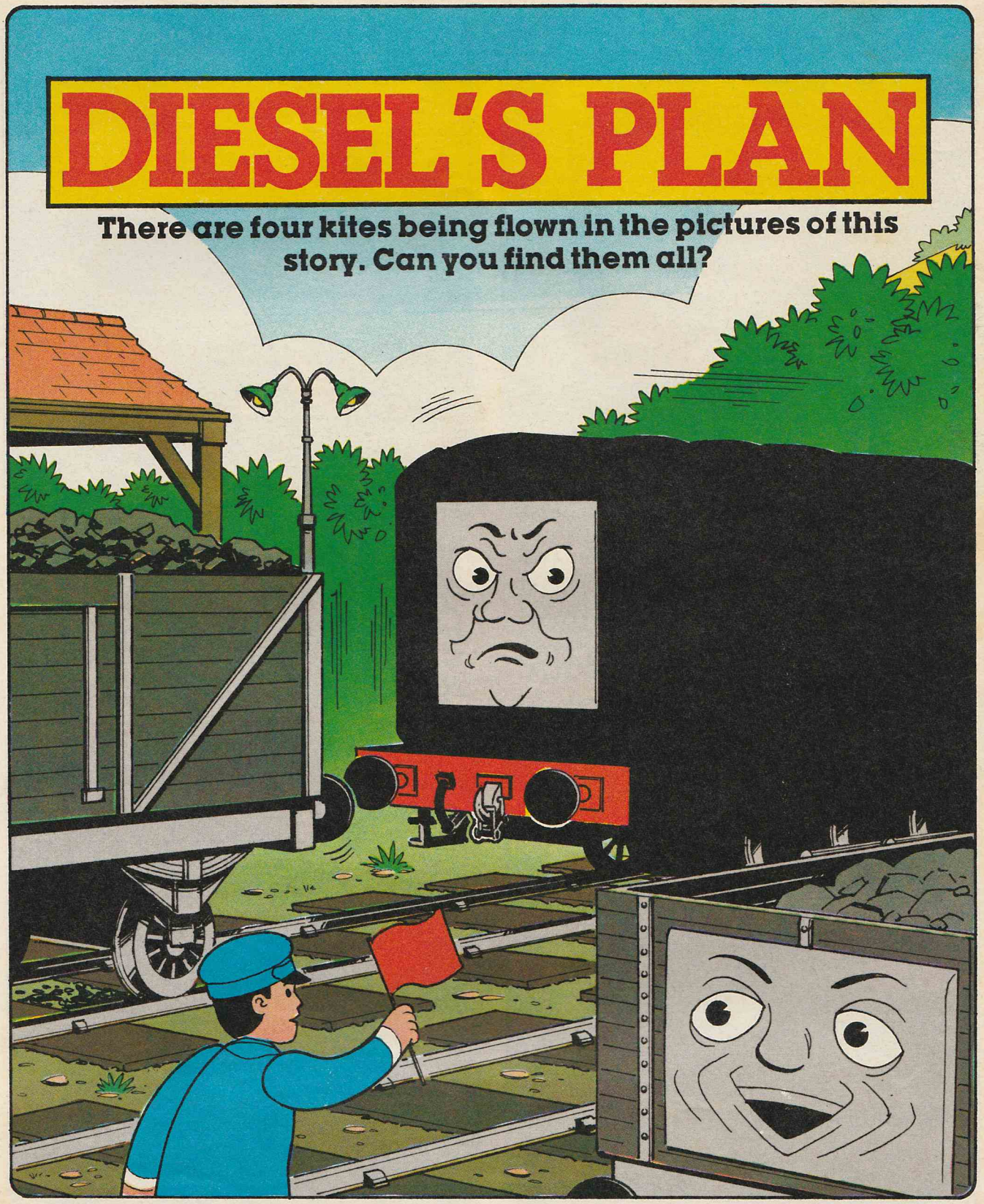
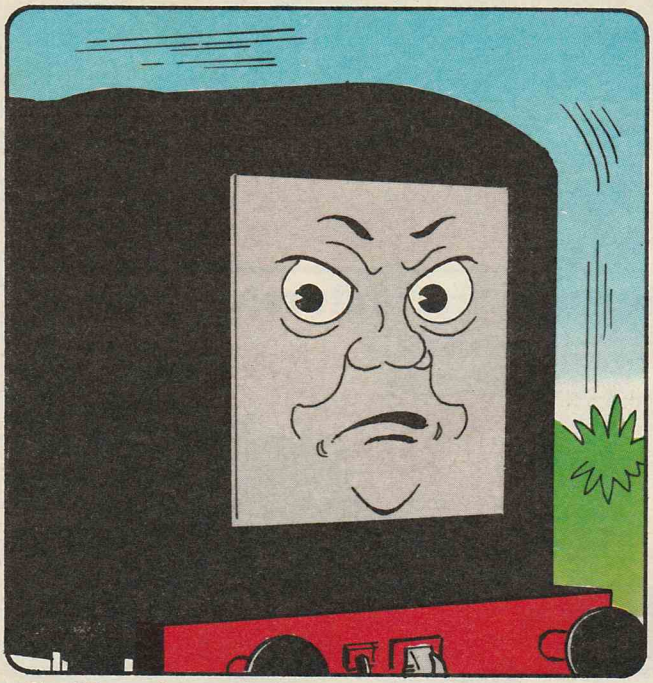


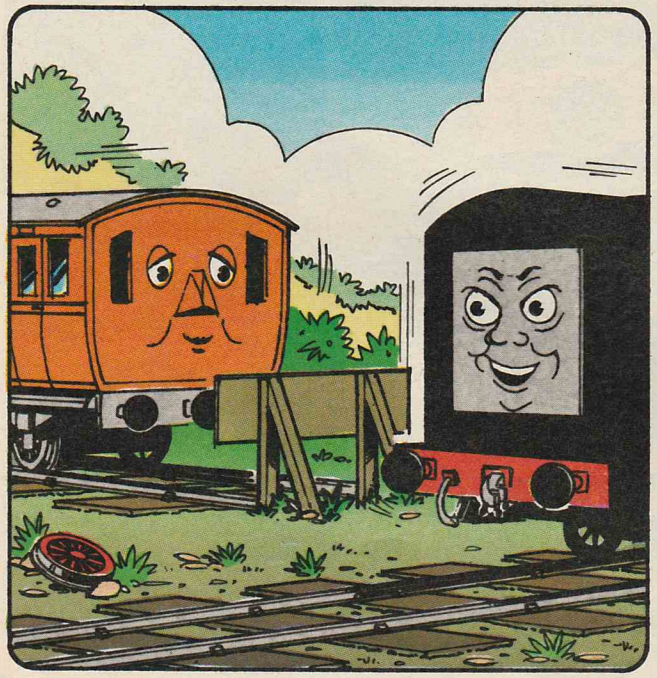
1. Diesel is not a steam engine like all the others; he runs on diesel oil. He is painted black and speaks in a nasty, oily voice. He is not a very nice engine.

2. One day Diesel was shunting some trucks in the yard. The trucks were teasing him and behaving badly. Diesel was getting more and more cross.

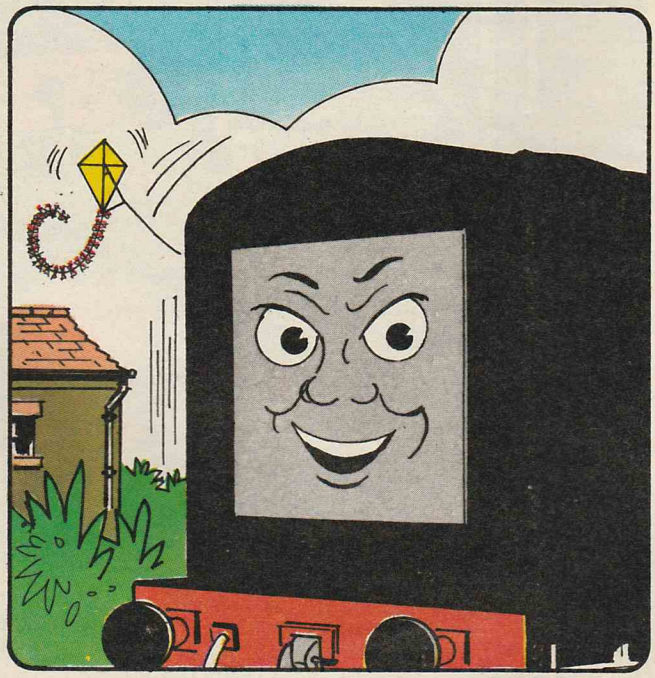


3. "I should not have to shunt trucks" he told his driver. "An old fashioned steam engine could do that. I should be pulling coaches like Thomas."

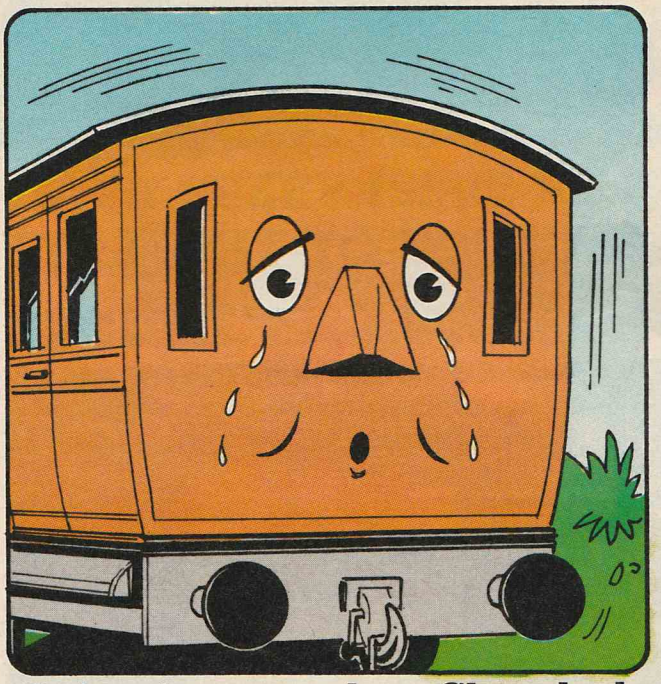
4. That night Diesel had a plan. The next day he told his driver. "The Fat Controller came and said I am to pull Thomas's train today." His driver nodded.



5. Annie and Clarabel, Thomas's coaches, were in a siding. Diesel told them he was to pull them today. "Why? Where is Thomas?" asked Annie and Clarabel.

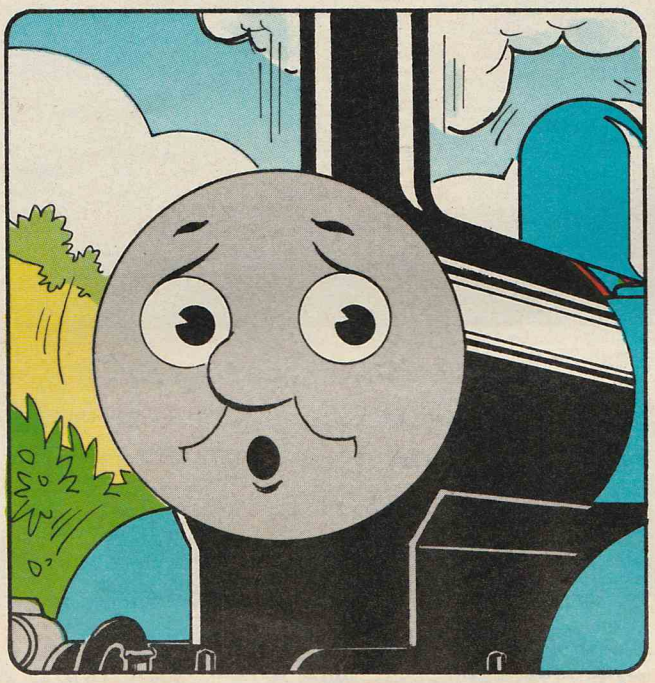


6. "Thomas is in disgrace," said Diesel. "He argued with Gordon and the Fat Controller said he has been so naughty that he has to stay in his shed for a week."

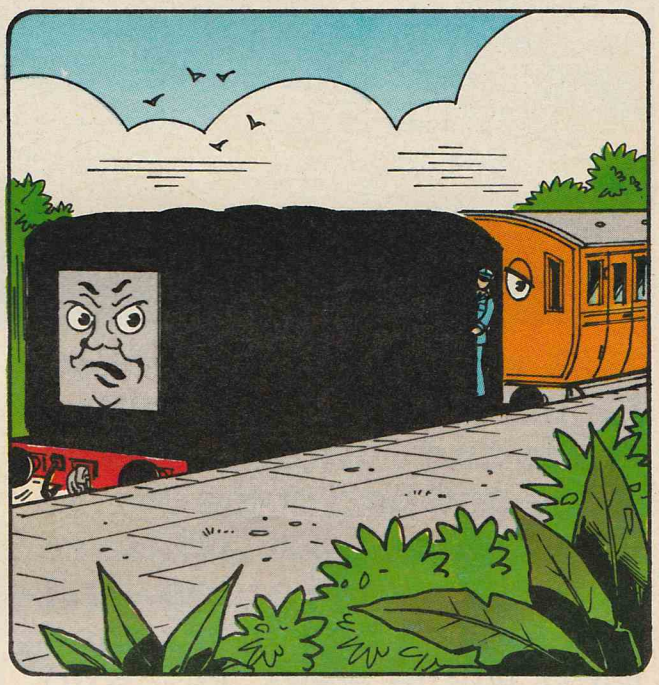


7. Annie and Clarabel started to cry. "I cannot believe Thomas was so naughty," said Annie. "Poor Thomas, locked in his shed for a week," said Clarabel.

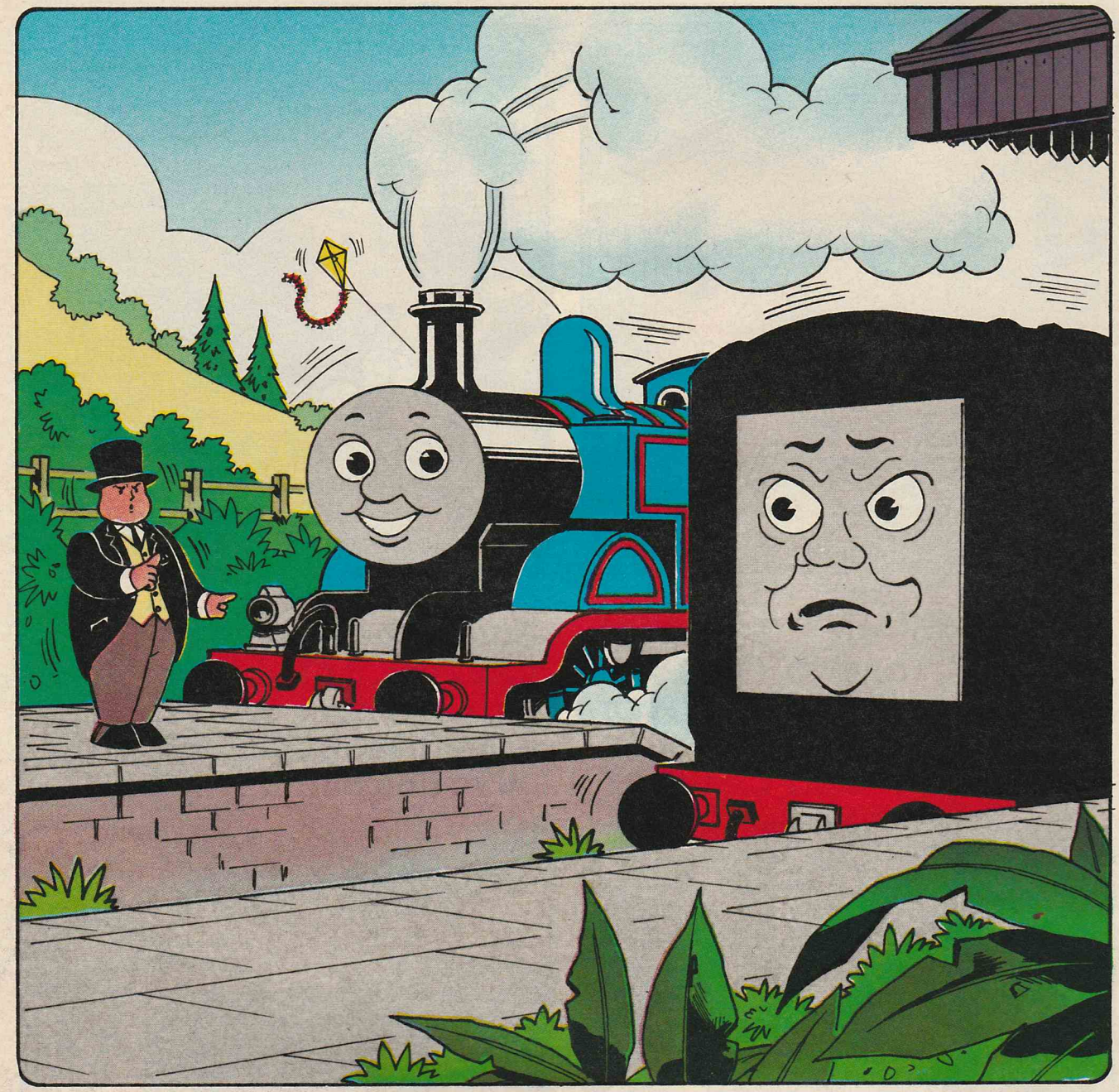
8. Diesel was coupled on to Annie and they went to the platform. As the passengers were getting on, Thomas appeared, puffing down the other line pulling trucks.



9. "Hello there! Why is Diesel pulling my train?" asked Thomas. "You have been let out of the shed Thomas!" said Annie. "We are so glad to see you!"



10. "Did you apologize to the Fat Controller and to Gordon?" asked Clarabel. "Why should Thomas have to say he is sorry?" asked a familiar voice.



11. It was the Fat Controller. He had seen Diesel pulling Annie and Clarabel from his office and had come over to investigate. "Thomas argued with Gordon and you locked him in his shed for a whole week, sir," said Annie. "Diesel told us," said Clarabel. "Indeed!" said the Fat Controller. Diesel did not look very happy.

12. "Have you been telling stories, Diesel? You should have asked me if you could pull coaches instead of making up stories," said the Fat Controller. Annie and Clarabel were coupled onto Thomas, who puffed happily away with his coaches and passengers. Diesel was put in his shed for the rest of the day.

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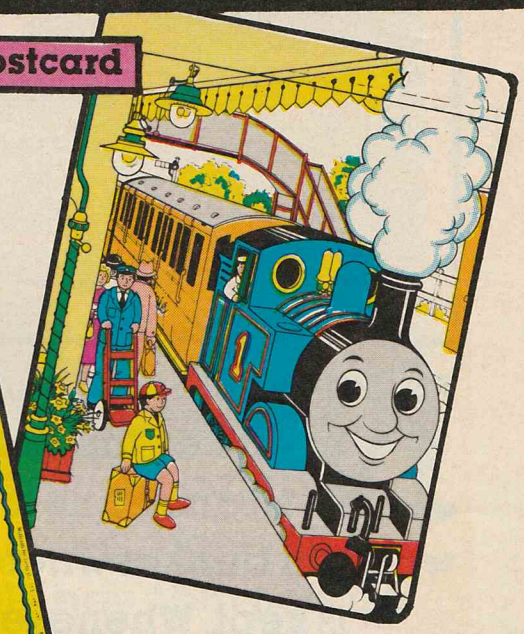

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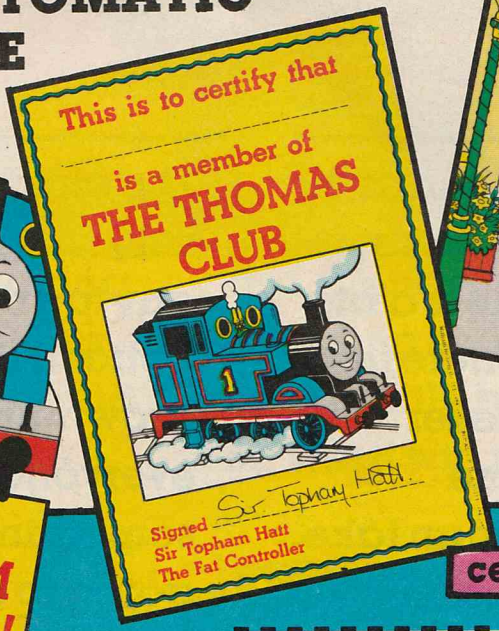

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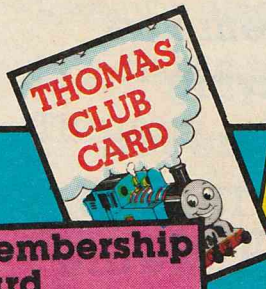

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A read-aloud story!

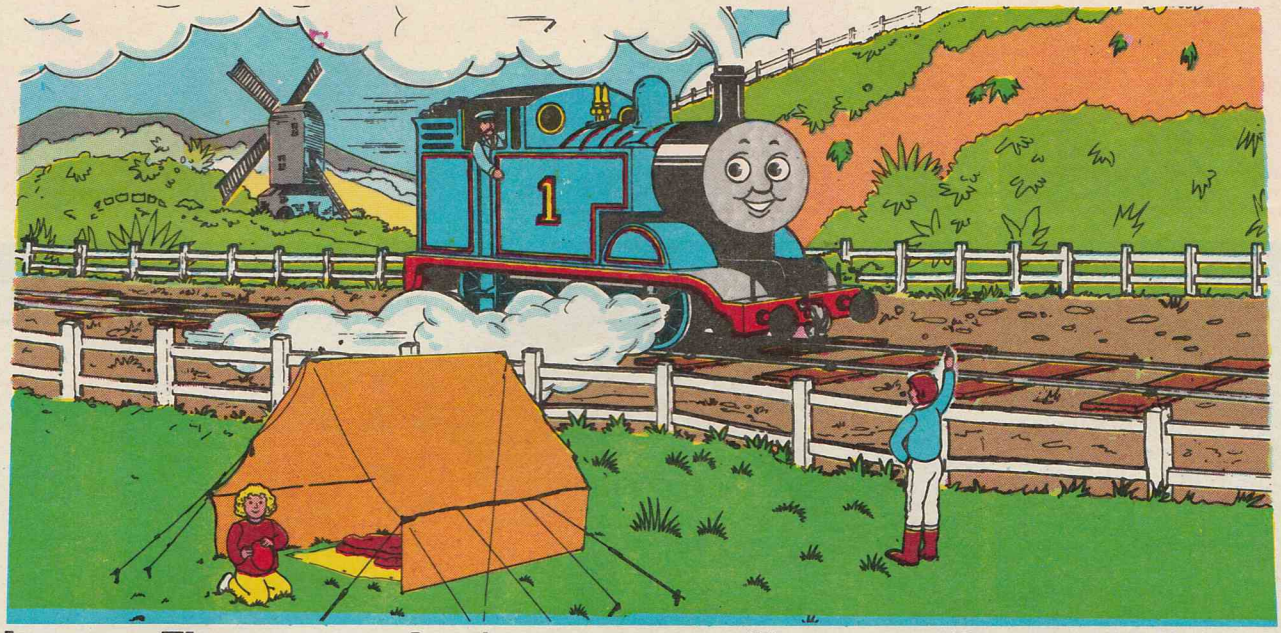
Thomas and the Campers

Near the station at the end of Thomas's branch line is a big wooden bunker where the coal is kept. Whenever Thomas needs some coal his driver and fireman take it from the big wooden bunker and put it in Thomas's bunker behind his cab.

One day Thomas was at the station by the main line ready to connect with Henry's train. "I've got some very noisy passengers for you today, Thomas," said Henry when he arrived. Lots of children got out of Henry's train and ran into Annie and Clarabel. "That's alright, I like children," said Thomas. The children all got off at a very small station far from any town. Then Thomas noticed there were lots of grown-ups with them and everyone was carrying something. "What are you going to do here?" Thomas asked one little girl. "We are going camping!" she answered.

When Thomas passed the station again he saw the campers had set up lots of tents and a flag on a pole. They had also made a big bonfire out of wood and

coal



leaves. They were playing games now and making lots of noise. "I wish I could join in the fun," thought Thomas.

Later that afternoon a big black cloud came over and the rain fell heavily. It lasted quite some time but towards evening the cloud moved away and the sun came out again. When Thomas came past the campsite again the games had stopped. Everyone was standing around the campfire and some of the children were crying. Thomas's driver shut off steam and asked, "What's the matter?"

"We were going to cook our dinner on the campfire and sing songs around it," said a little boy, "but now it is so wet it will not light."

Thomas had an idea. "Do you think the Fat Controller would mind if we gave away a little coal?" he asked his driver. The driver and the fireman were sure the Fat Controller would not mind. They made a splendid fire out of coal from Thomas's bunker and started it with hot coals from **his** own fire. The campers cooked sausages and gave some to the driver and fireman. Thomas stayed while everyone sang songs. He felt very happy.

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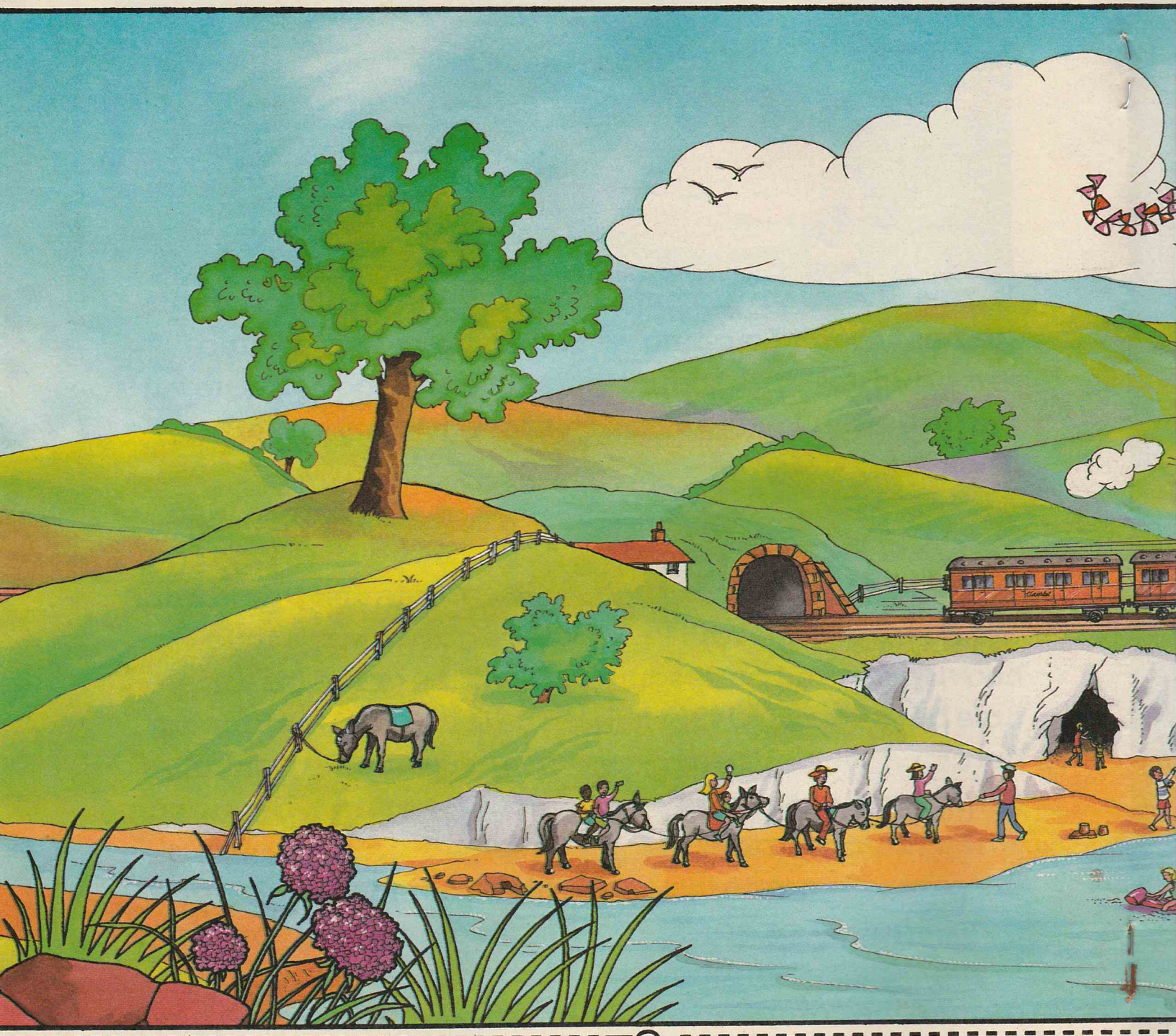

What colour flag is flying on the beach?

Point to a piece of seaweed!

Find something beginning with the letter K!

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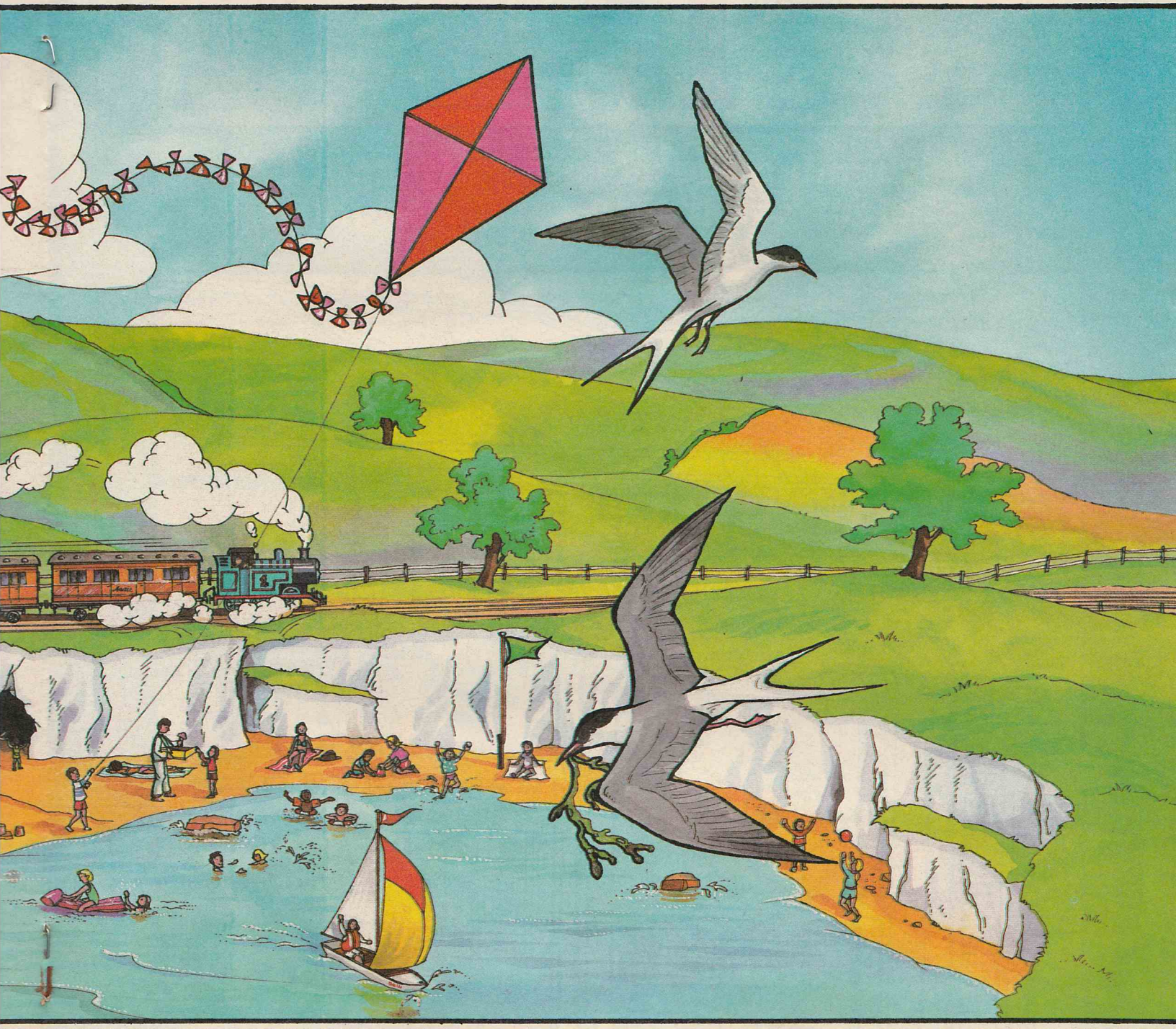

ing past the beach?

donkeys can you see?

have riders?

like to ride on a donkey?

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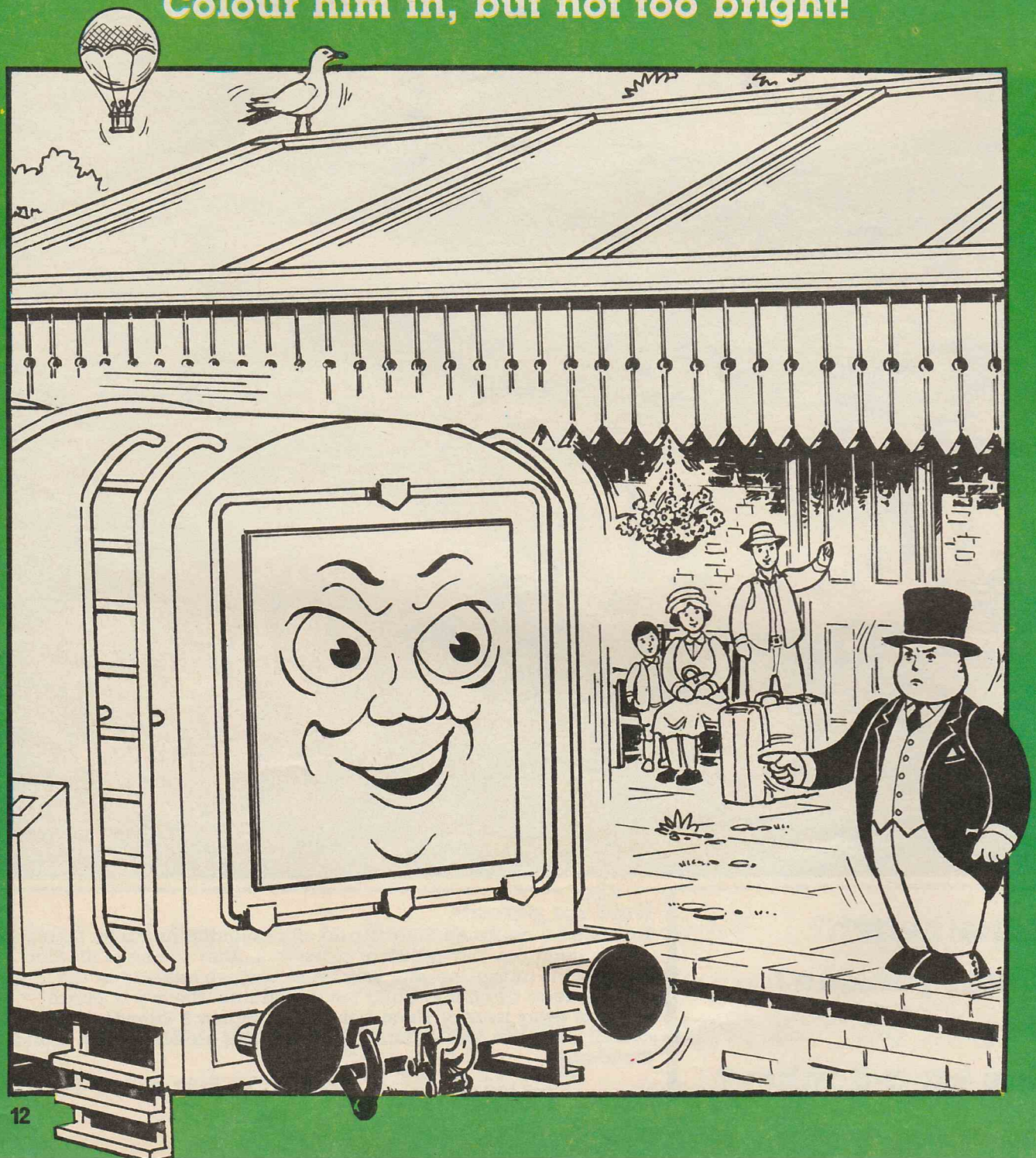
Next issue: Past the cricket match!

COLOURING TIME!

Scheming Diesel is a nasty sight.
Colour him in, but not too bright!



JAMES'S JOKE GALLERY!

Why can't a car play football?

Because it's only got one boot!

Frances, aged 6.

What did the big candle say to the little candle?

I think I'll go out tonight!

Yossie, aged 7.

Doctor! Doctor! I can't get to sleep at night!

Lie on the end of the couch and you'll soon drop off!

Sarah, aged 7.

Why did the man throw the clock out of the window?

Because he wanted to see time fly!

Darren, aged 7.

What vegetable can play snooker?

A cue-cumber!

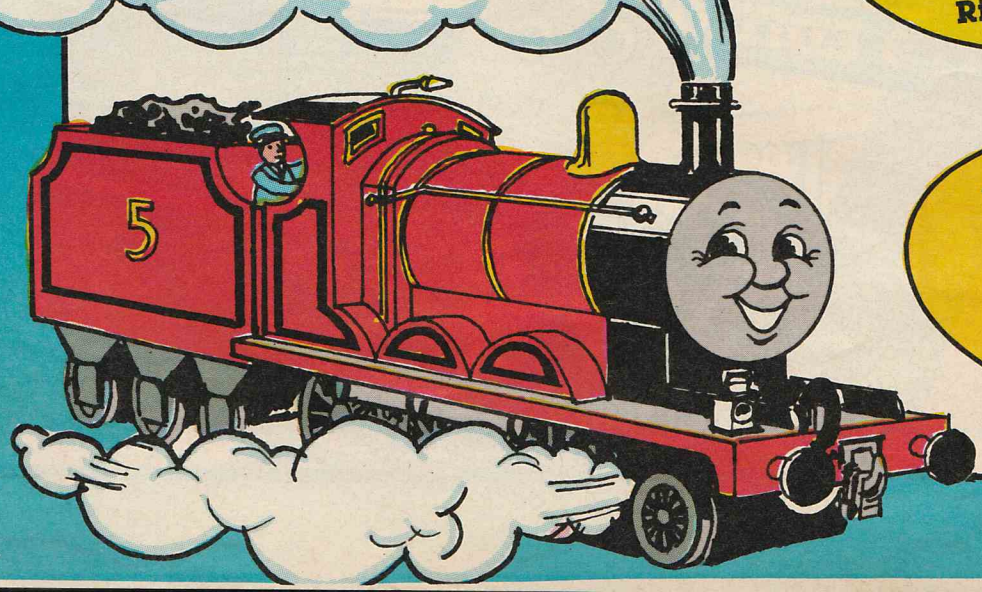
Daniel, aged 4.

Have you got a good joke for James's Joke Gallery? Why not send it in to him at the address on the letters page?

What did the referee say when the chicken crossed the road?

That's a fowl!

Richard, aged 7.



What did the cat say when it went down the motorway?

Meooooooow!

Richard, aged 5.

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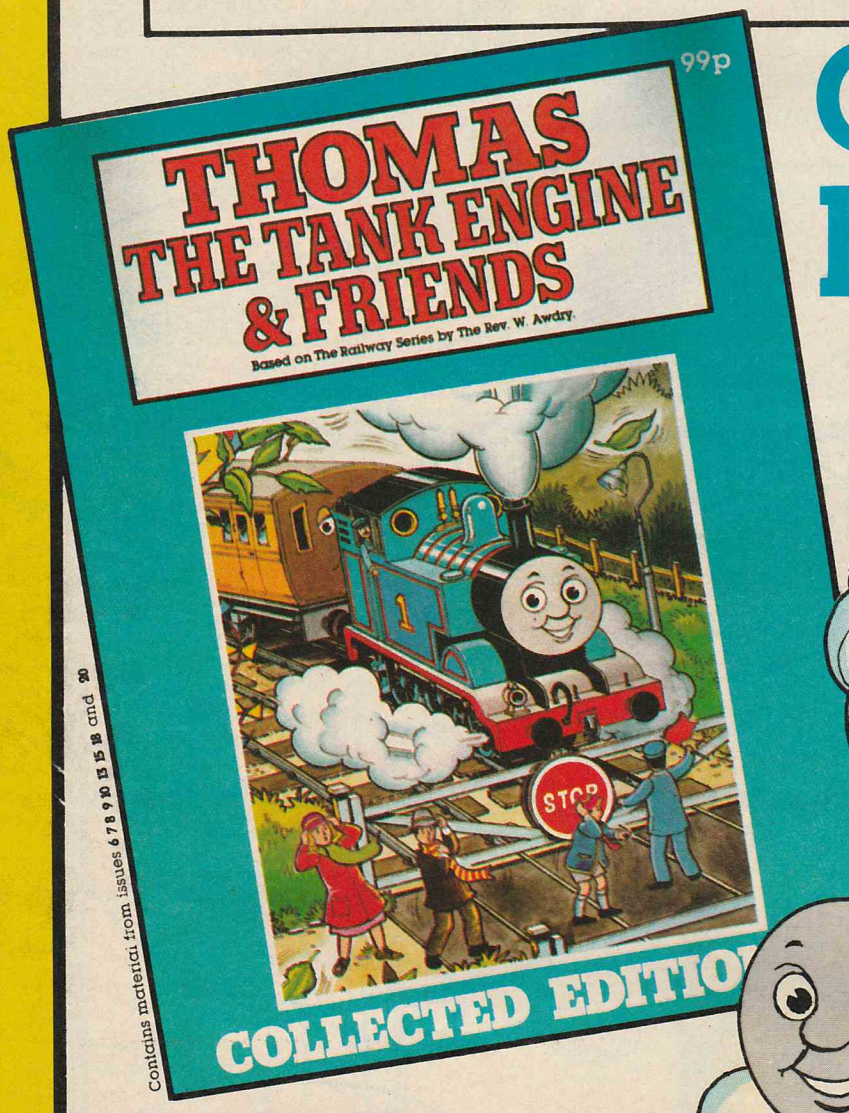

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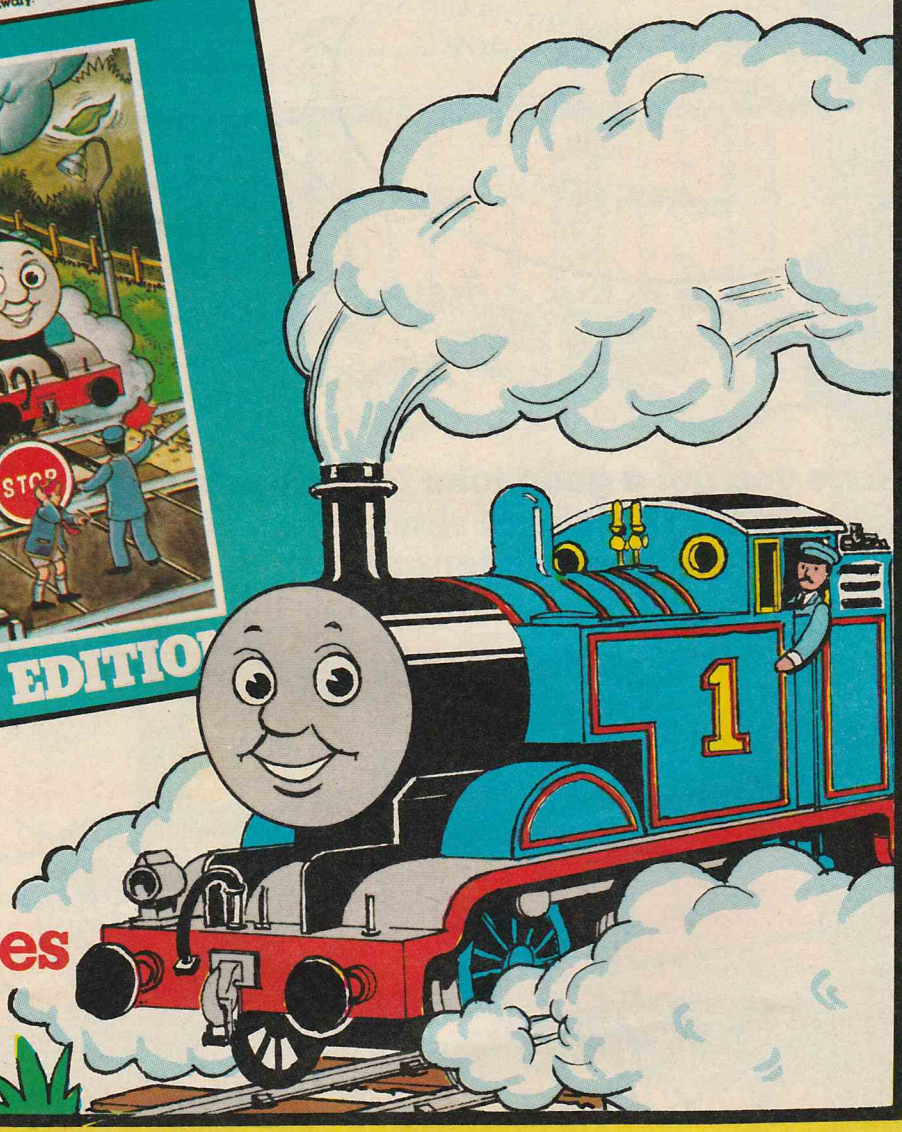

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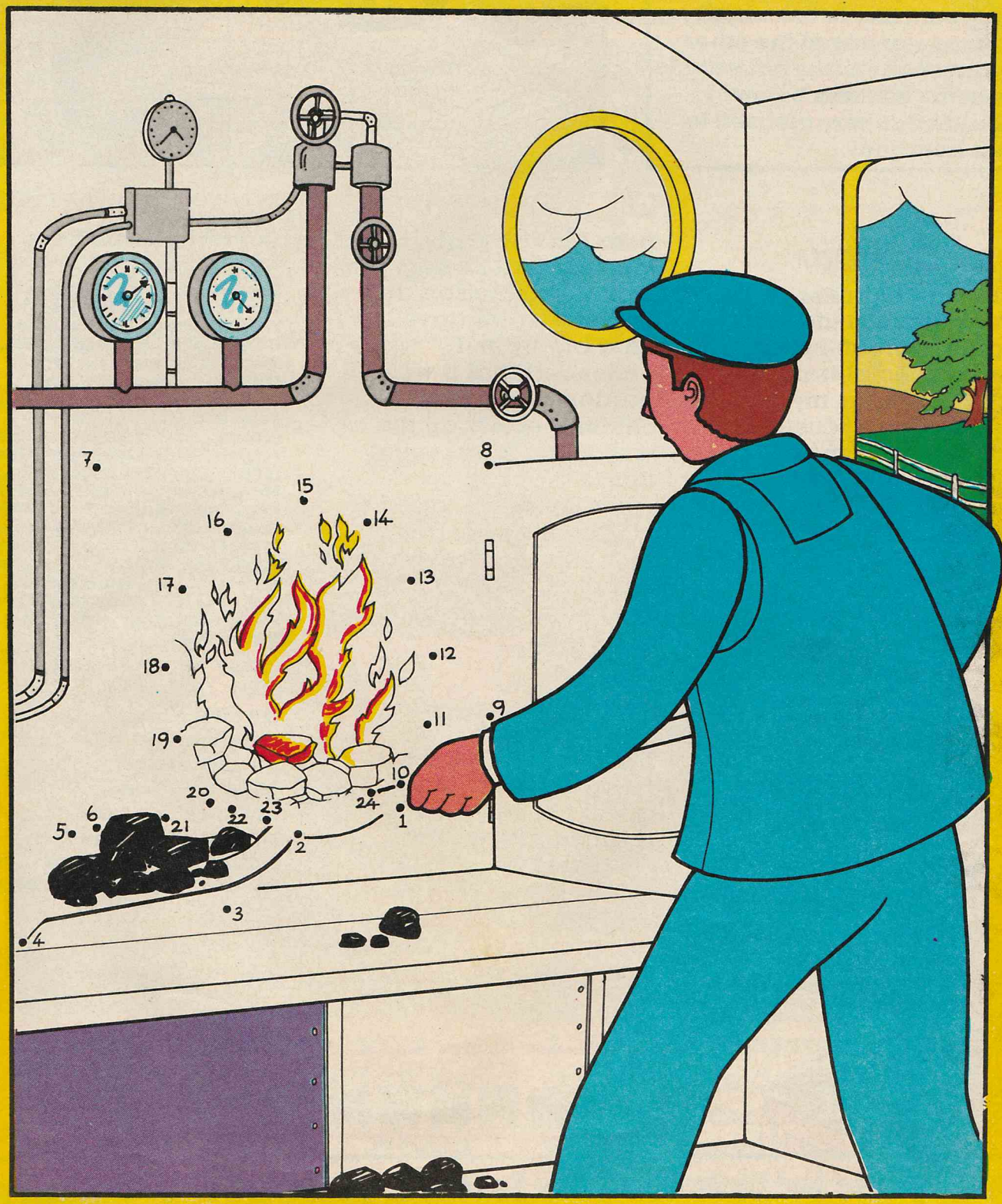
JOIN THE DOTS!

What's this busy man doing?
Join the dots, then finish colouring the picture!



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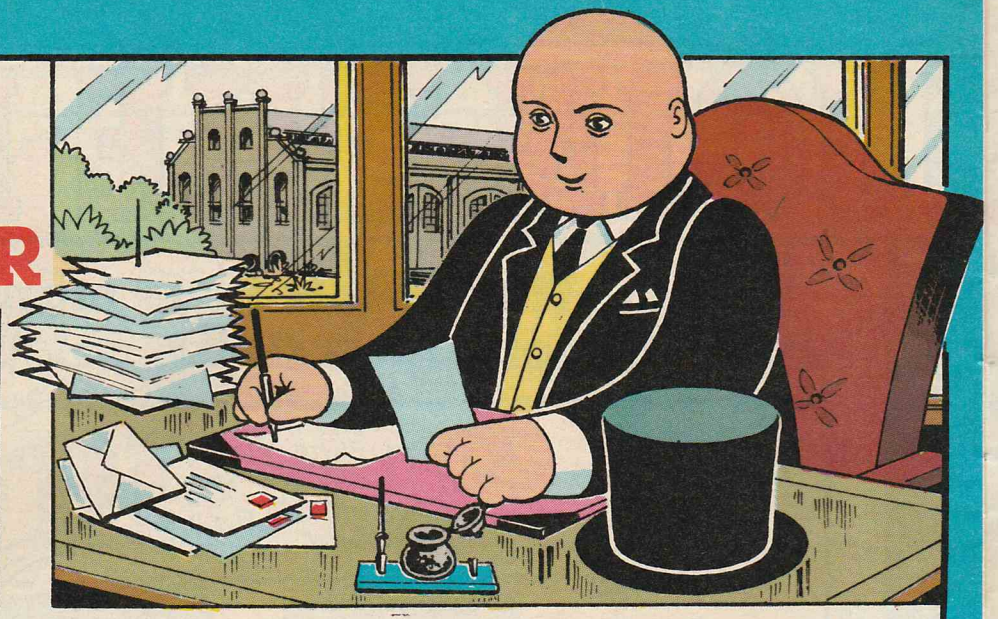

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below? I should be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
I think Thomas the Tank Engine is great. I even have a special train set with Thomas as my best engine. When your TV programme comes on, if I haven't seen it before, I shout out, 'Oh, goody, goody!'
Love from **Adam,** aged 5.

Well, well! You do sound like a cheery young fellow. I hope you enjoy our magazine just as much as the TV programme!

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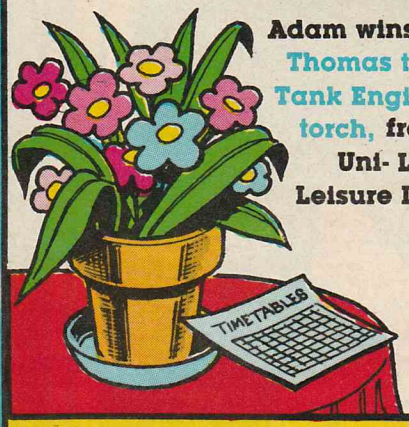

Adam wins a Thomas the Tank Engine torch, from Uni- Lite Leisure Ltd.

LET'S PRETEND

Dear Fat Controller,
Mummy and Daddy took me to the zoo and on the way we travelled on a big train. I pretended that it was Gordon and made chuffing noises all the way there. It was great fun!

From **Steven,** aged 6.

What a splendid day out that must have been. I wonder if you enjoyed the zoo as much as the train journey?

PLEASANT PERCY!

Dear Fat Controller,
My favourite engine is Percy because he is always happy and has a smiling face!

From **Terry,** aged 6.

It is true to say that Percy is normally a very cheerful little engine indeed. But he is also sometimes a Really Cheeky Engine too!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Many happy returns to you all!

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Yours,

Sir Topham Hatt.

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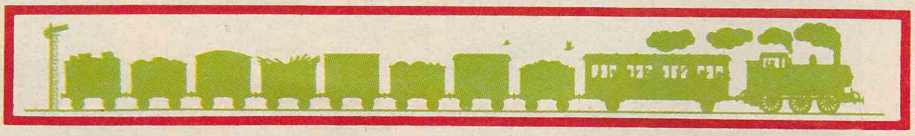

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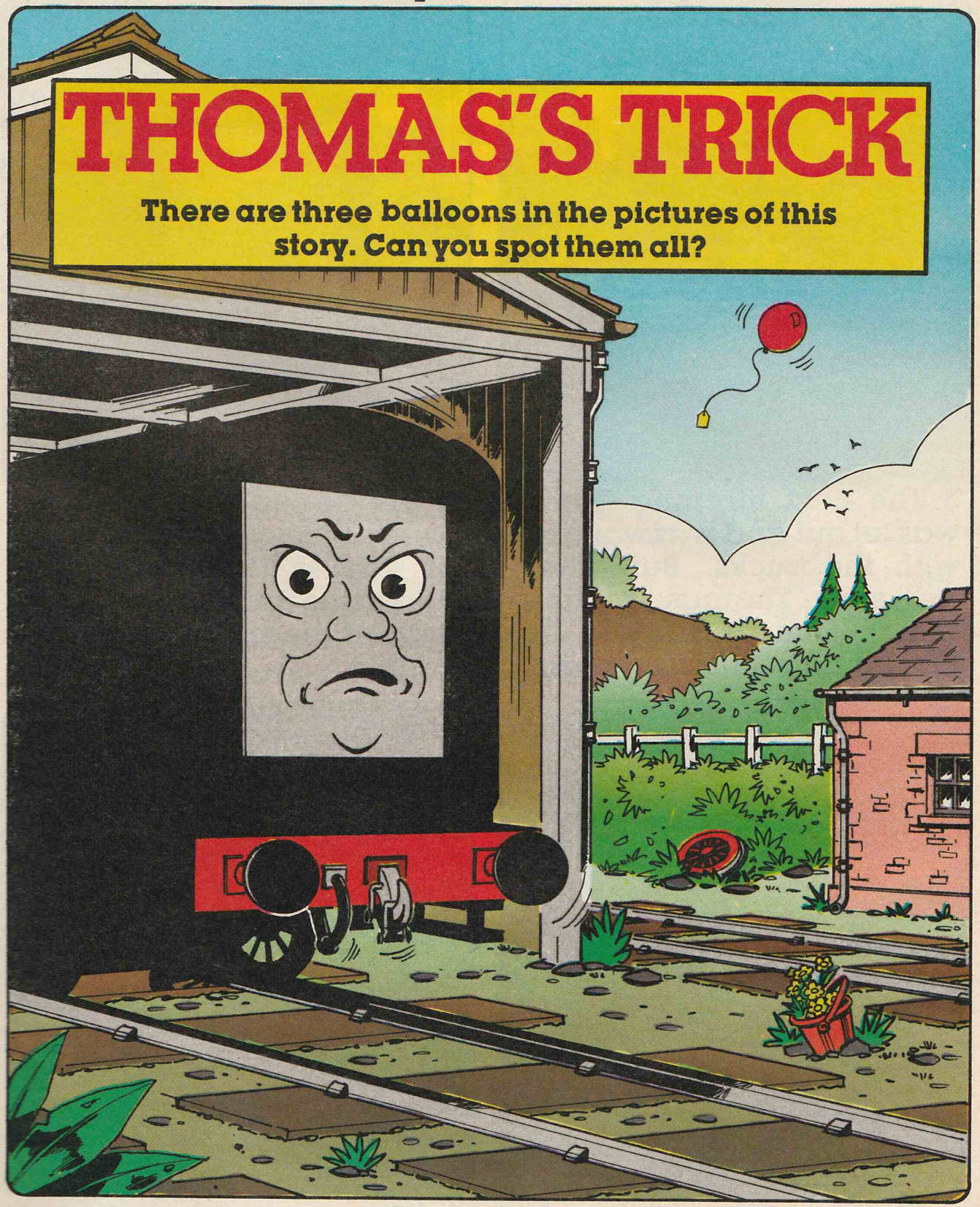
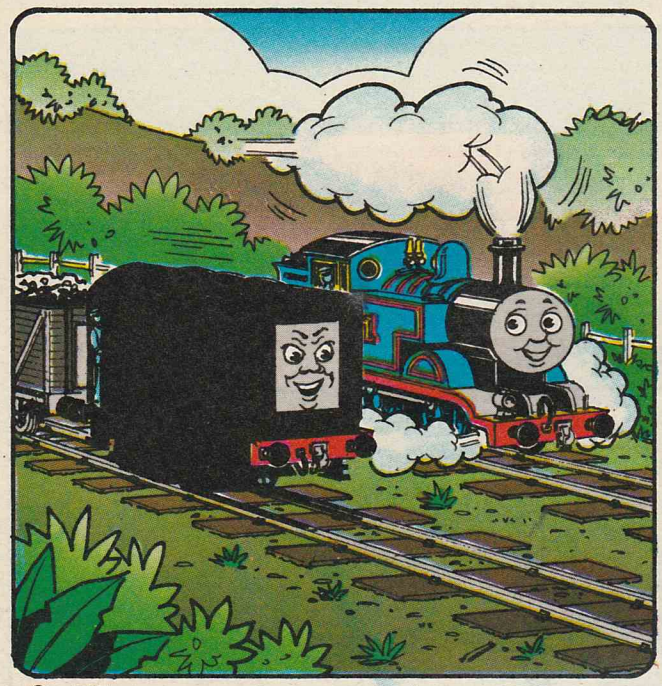
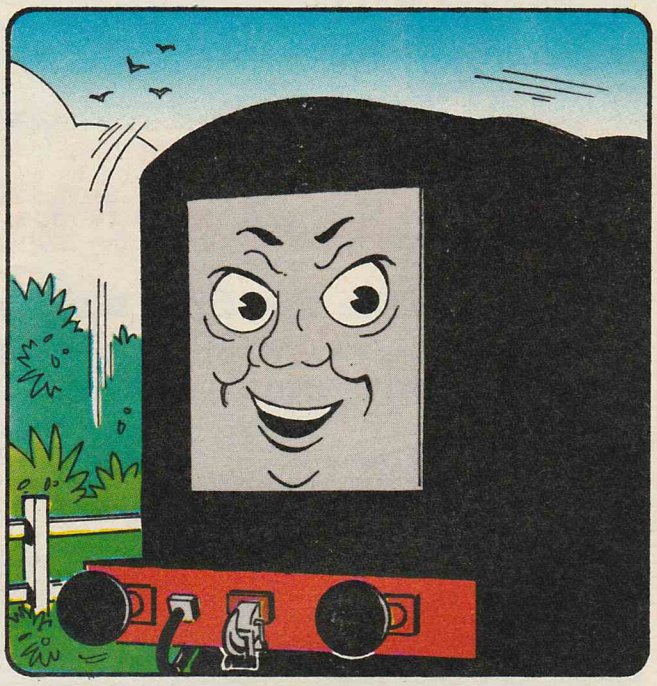


1. Diesel had been shut in his shed for a whole day. He should have felt sorry for inventing stories about Thomas but instead he was making a new plan.

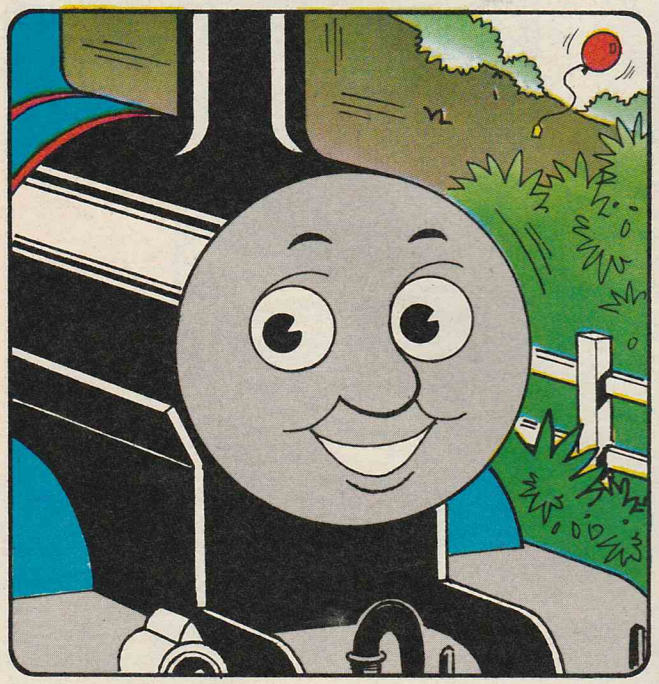
2. He still wanted to pull coaches. He decided that as his trick had not worked he would persuade Thomas, Annie and Clarabel to let him pull the train.



3. The next morning Diesel was let out and was working with the trucks. But when he saw Thomas puffing into the yard he remembered his new plan.

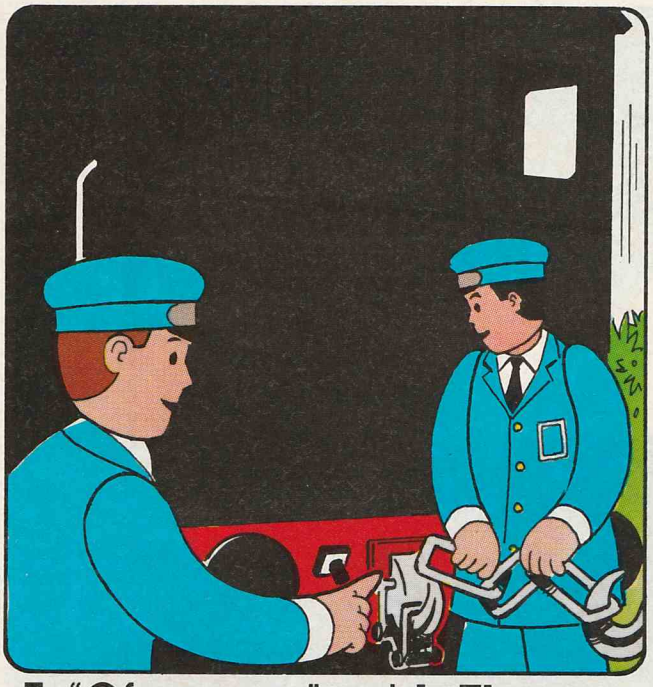


4. "I hope you were not upset by my little trick yesterday," he said to Thomas. "I only said those things for fun and did not mean to cause any trouble."

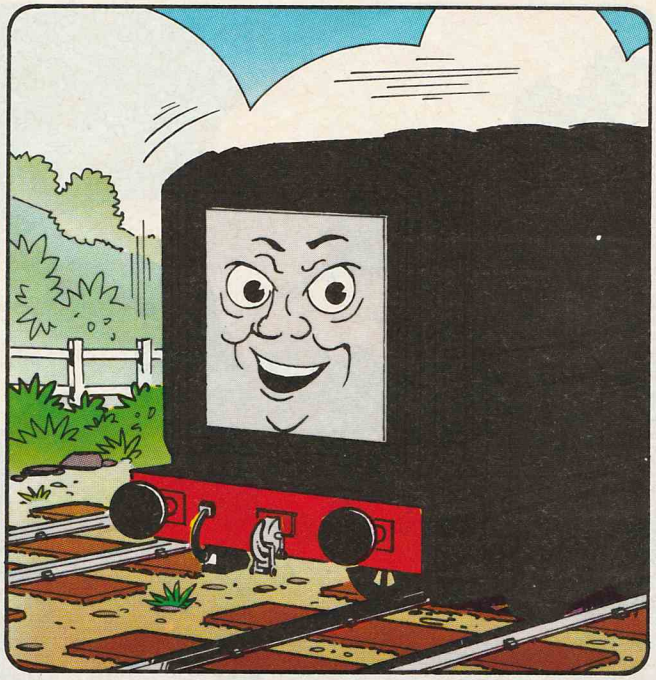


5. "So you like tricks, do you?" said Thomas. "I will try to remember that." Diesel thought he was friends with Thomas again and decided to try his new plan.

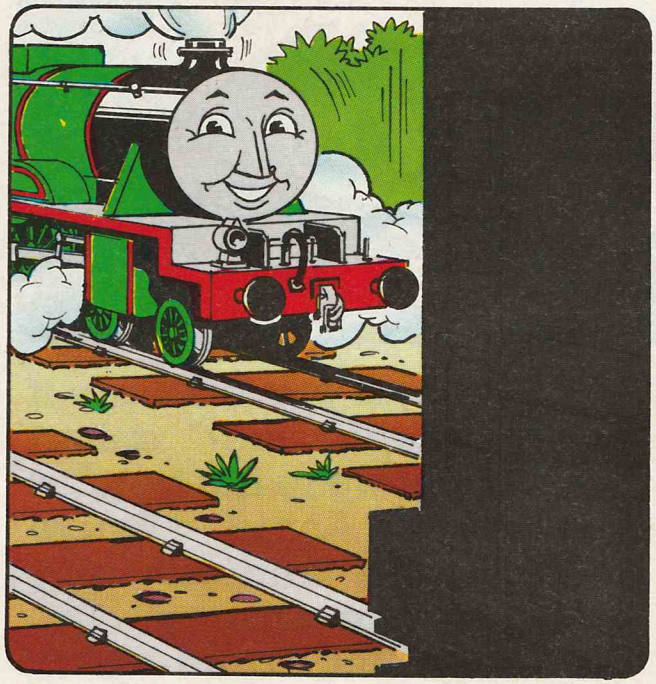
6. "Thomas, I am sure the Fat Controller would not mind if I pulled Annie and Clarabel just once. If you don't mind, do you think you could persuade them?"



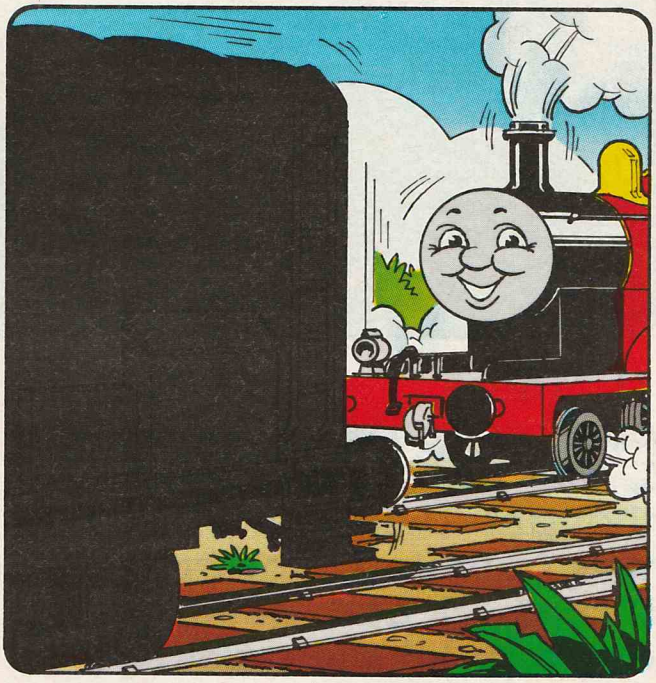
7. "Of course," said Thomas. "I've had a word with my driver," he told Diesel, "and he's arranged for you to be coupled up when you move to your siding at two o'clock."



8. Diesel set off down the line feeling very pleased with himself. "It is easy to get Thomas to do whatever I want," he thought, and gave an oily chuckle.



9. As Diesel went along he passed Henry. "Look at me Henry! Don't I look fine pulling these coaches!" said Diesel. Henry just looked puzzled and said nothing.



10. Next Diesel saw James. "James, look at me! I'm pulling coaches today!" said Diesel. James just stared at Diesel and then roared with laughter!

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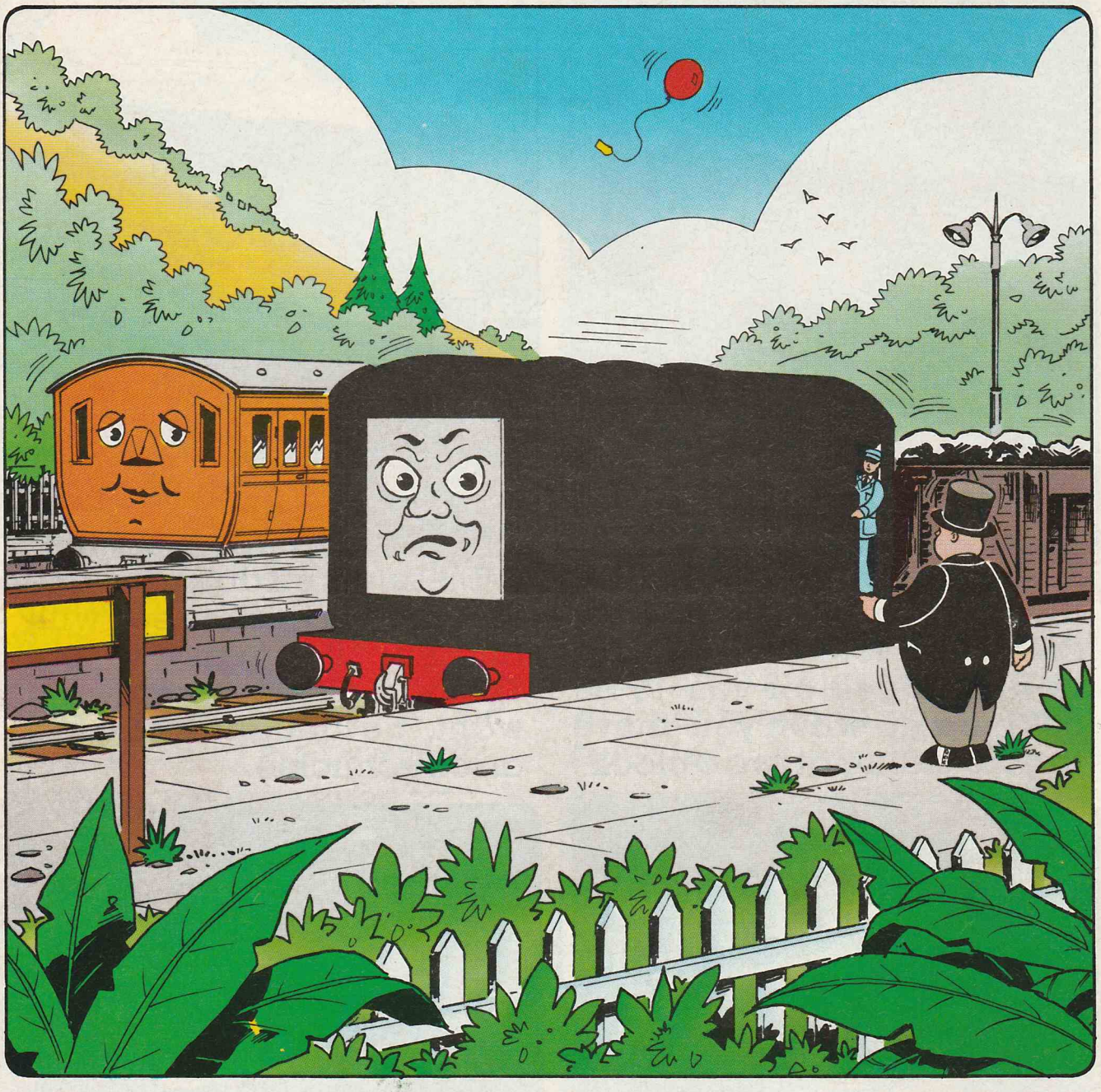

11. "Those old steam engines don't like to see that I am as good as them," thought Diesel crossly. He was coming towards a station. "I had better slow down to let my passengers on and off." At the station he saw Annie and Clarabel. "Look at me I'm pulling. . . just a minute!" said Diesel in surprise.

12. "How can you be there if you're behind me?" asked Diesel. "But we're not behind you," said Annie. "You're pulling the dirtiest old trucks on the railway!" The Fat Controller came up to Diesel and said, "Those wagons were Thomas's next train. I think he has played a trick on you!" Diesel saw it was true.

THE END

In our next issue: Thomas and the bees!